

# TITLE 16 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

## SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT

Changes to the originally proposed language are shown by:

- *Strike-through and underline indicates text that was originally noticed and is now being deleted*
- *Double-Underline indicates the addition of new text to that which was originally noticed.*

### 1399.170.11. Qualifications for Registration as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant.

To be eligible for registration by the Board as a speech-language pathology assistant, the applicant must possess at least one of the following qualifications:

(a) An associate of arts or sciences degree from a speech-language pathology assistant program accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and approved by the Board; or

(b) Evidence of completion of a bachelor's degree program in speech-language pathology or communication disorders from an institution listed in the "Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education" handbook issued by the American Council on Education, and completion of the field work experience as required in Section 1399.170.10(c)(2)(B) from a Board-approved program, or completion of a minimum of seventy (70) hours of field work experience or clinical experience equivalent to that required in Section 1399.170.10(c)(2)(B) in a bachelor's degree program as recognized above.

(1) The equivalent field work hours or clinical experience completed in a bachelor's degree program in speech-language pathology or communication disorders shall be verified by the current training program director. ~~the speech-language pathology assistant program director of a board-approved speech-language pathology assistant training program or his or her authorized designee.~~

(2) In the event that the field work experience or clinical experience completed in the bachelor's degree program is deemed deficient by the authorized representative of a board-approved speech-language pathology assistant training program, the applicant may petition the Board for reconsideration.

(3) In lieu of completion of the seventy (70) hours of field work experience or clinical experience in a bachelor's degree program as defined in subsection (b) above, the Board may consider the completion of ~~one-year~~ nine months of full-time work experience performing the duties of a speech-language pathology assistant enumerated in paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of Section 2538.1 of the Business and Professions Code as equivalent to the required clinical training.

~~(d)~~ (c) Evidence of completion of an equivalent speech-language pathology assistant associate of arts or science degree program, which includes the competencies listed in the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Guidelines for the Training, Credentialing, Use, and Supervision of Speech-Language Pathology Assistants, Appendix C – Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Suggested Competencies (1996, Spring).

**NOTE: Authority Cited: Sections 2531.95 and 2538.1(a), Business and Professions Code. Reference Cited: Section 2538.1(b)(2) and 2538.3(a), Business and Professions Code.**